What really motivates people?
Why is society the way it is?
Belief


Behavior


Belonging

What are some of the world’s most powerful belief systems?
• Atheism
• Wicca
• Catholic church
• Yoga
• Environmentalism
• Evangelicals
• Muslims
• Wicca

• Judaism
• Hinduism
• Buddhism
• Native American spirituality
• Pacifism
• Utopianism
• Apocalypticism
• Messianism
As a CSU graduate you will be a leader in a diverse community.

Religious Studies graduates thrive in healthcare, education, government, and NGOs.

Adding Religious Studies as a second major ensures effective Liberal Arts breadth for a critical advantage in the workplace and life.
To “robot-proof your career" build your knowledge and skills to succeed in non–routine tasks:

- Creative, research-based problem solving
- Critical thinking including ethics
- Communicate well in diverse teams
Clockwise from Top Left: Shalini McMurdo is pursuing a Master’s in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at San Francisco State University. Jensen Martin is pursuing a Master’s in Yoga Studies at Loyola Marymount University. Amanda Sharp is a Ph.D. candidate in Behavioral and Community Sciences at the University of South Florida. Dr. Jason Butler is a Clinical Psychologist at John F. Kennedy University.

Clockwise from Top Left: Kelly Fortner was the Americorps CSU STEM VISTA for 2018-2019 at HSU. Elliott Bazzano is a Religious Studies Professor at Le Moyne College. Katie Buesch is the Registrar at the Clarke Museum in Eureka. Seth Powell is a Ph.D. Candidate in South Asian Religions at Harvard University.
RS is designed for Biology, Psychology, Anthropology, and Undeclared students

Most of our students come to us from these majors, so we re-designed our curriculum and our course rotation so that you can complete our program while also pursuing these others.

You can complete a double-major in four years at no additional cost or time until graduation. This increases the likelihood that you will graduate.

Students benefit from extra advising, letters of recommendation, and social opportunities.
Faculty are active research scholars with Ph.D.s from top programs and strong teaching evaluations, who also have real world experience.

RS 391 Special Topics courses in development: Yoga Studies, Religions of Latin America, & Sex and Sin in Early Christianity.
How is a double-major possible?

Which RS classes should I sign-up for, and when?
Take 3 classes during your first two years (4 for Biology)

Frosh. or Soph. Fall

Frosh. Spring or Soph. Fall

Sophomore Fall (For Biology)

Sophomore Spring

World Religions
RS 105
Double-Count GE!
Lower Division Area C2 GE
International DCG

2 Sections Offered Fall 2019:
MWF 11:00-11:50 (Hart)
MWF 2:00-2:50 (Biondo)

For more information, contact Sara Hart, Sara.Hart@humboldt.edu, or Vincent Biondo, Vincent.Biondo@humboldt.edu

Exploring Religions
RS 120

MYTH RITUAL BELIEF
EXPERIENCE
SOCIETY ART POLITICS
ECONOMICS

Circassian Faith Fall 2019
MWF 10:00-10:50

For more information, contact Sara Hart, Sara.Hart@humboldt.edu, FH 158

NEW AREA E COURSE
From “Lucy” to “Atlas”

Spring 2019
AHSS 201
TuTh @ 11am

Evolution, Creation, & the Robot Apocalypse

Are science and religion contradictory or compatible?

To learn more, email Vincent.Biondo@humboldt.edu

GE Area E

LD GE Area C2

LD GE Area C2
Take 4 classes your Junior year

RS 330: Death, Dying, and Afterlife
life.death.rebirth.ressurection.karma.ancestors.grief.celebration.

This course will explore the conceptions, practices, theories and stories about death and the afterlife in a variety of cultural, religious and spiritual traditions. Throughout the world's cultural traditions, the experience of the afterlife is imbued with cultural, historical, scriptural and mythic material: from a diverse spread of traditions, ranging from ancient times to modern India, and from indigenous America to today's hospital corridors. Special attention will be paid to the inherently unknowable and personal nature of our core course questions.

CRN: 41702
TTh, 1:00-2:20
For more information, contact Professor Biondo:
vfb2@humboldt.edu

JUDAISMS: ANCIENT & CONTEMPORARY
DR. ASHLEY BACCHI
Spring 2020 Tu/Th 11-12:20
There is no one single expression of Judaism. To be Jewish has meant different things to different people across time and geographical location. This class will explore the development of Judaism from its ancient diverse origins to the present day, by offering multiple entry points into the multiplicity of Judaisms expressed through time and location. This course will equip students to deconstruct generalizations and simplifications and to embrace the complex spectrum of practice and belief that constitutes Jewish life and tradition. For more information, contact: vfb2@humboldt.edu

ISLAM – RS 332
Dr. Biondo - Fall 2020
Who is Allah?
Who is Muhammad?
Where is Iraq?
Who is Sunni or Shi'a?
What is hijab?
What is jihad?
What is ISIS?
What is a mosque?

HIST 106B Islam (LD GE Area D) and ANTH 302 Anthropology of Religion (UD GE Area D) can be substituted.
Take 4 classes your senior year (or 3 for Biology)

Choose a “Myth, Culture, Experience” course for Fall:

**RS 300 - Living Myths (of War and Peace)**
- Two sections available for Fall 2020:
  - MWF 11:10-11:50am or 1-1:50pm
  - For more information, contact Sara.Hart@humboldt.edu

American Civil Religion • Democracy • Manifest Destiny • Mythic Corpus
Native American Genocide • Equality • Self Determination • Race, Class, Gender
Patriotism • Progress • Frontier Military Service • Redemptive Violence
Independence • Economic Stratification • Consumer Identity
...And So Much More...

**RS 393 “Cults” or New Religious Movements**
- Professor Biondo
  - Tu/Th 1:00-2:20pm

*UD GE Area C GE*

Choose a “Myth, Culture, Experience” course for Spring:

**Gods & Kings - IN THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST**
- Spring 2020
  - MW 5-6:50 PM
  - For more information, contact WGC@humboldt.edu

New Course!

**Environment & Religion - RS 361**
- This course examines how the spiritual commitments of individuals and communities support, question, and challenge practices of consumerism. We will survey the world’s religious traditions to understand the mythic roots of our relationships with the material world, exploring the spiritual and religious foundations for sustainability and environmental health. Then we will pose the question, what can we do to create a more sustainable lifestyle?

Class meets: Spring 2020
- MWF 1:00-1:50pm, 216 174
- For more information, contact Sara.Jay.Hart@humboldt.edu

**RS/HIST 306**
- Spring 2020
- MW 5-6:50 PM

*UD GE Area D*

Plus RS 395 Capstone/Practicum (not pictured)
RS 391 Yoga Studies and RS 391 Sex and Sin in Early Christianity (in development)
Learn and practice meditation techniques, with monks and nuns who have years of practice. Explore dharma talks, chanting, music, ritual. Experience a weekend of monastic Buddhist life, at the beautiful City of Ten Thousand Buddhas in Ukiah, surrounded by peacocks.

**EXPERIENCE MONASTIC BUDDHISM**

- RS 394 – CRN 21993
- Dates TBA
- 1 Unit – Open to All Majors
- For more information, contact Sara Hart at Sara.Hart@humboldt.edu

Regroup, relax, and still your mind: reduce stress and increase your focus for finals. Retreat to Chagdud Gongpa Ragdzin Ling, the Tibetan Buddhist center in Beautiful Junction City. Explore Vajrayana Buddhist theory & practice. See prayer wheels & stupas in a breathtaking setting. Experience dharma talks, group meditation, great food.

**EXPERIENCE TIBETAN BUDDHISM**

- RS 394 – CRN 21994
- Dates TBA
- 1 Unit – Open to All Majors
- For a permission code, contact Sara Hart at Sara.Hart@humboldt.edu

Explore the spiritual & mystical traditions of Judaism. Engage in Torah study & Shabbat celebration. Experience song, dance, and dining with the Temple Beth El community in Eureka, and with the Rabbi of the Redwoods, Naomi Steinberg.

**EXPERIENCE JEWISH SPIRITUALITY**

- RS 394 – CRN 21995
- Dates TBA
- 1 Weekend, 1 Unit, 1 Uplifting Experience
- All Are Welcome
- For a permission code, contact Sara Hart at Sara.Hart@humboldt.edu

Add one 1.0 unit RS 394 road trip per year
Option of gaining more time for work and science labs Fall and Spring using Summer Classes online:

• RS 105 World Religions (Biondo) (LD GE Area C2)

• RS 300 Living Myths: of War and Peace (Hart) (UD GE Area C)
What do we teach about?
Religions, Secularisms, and Spiritualities
Whether you call it religious, secular, or spiritual, every human adopts a worldview that includes relationships with nature, history, and society.

Theology in Private Schools:
• Indoctrinates you into a particular ideology.

History of Religions in Public Schools:
Uses compassion and non-judgment to analyze how people draw from a range of superstitious, historical, and scientific resources in response to particular contexts.